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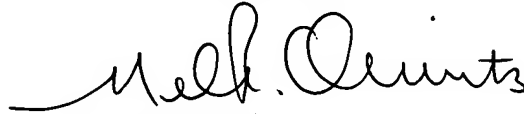
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References to be listed in the IDS for U.S. Application
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No.	Reference No.	Applicant (Assignee)	Translation	Remarks
A	JP-A-8-98277	TOSHIBA LIGHTING & TECHNOL CORP	English Abstract	Cited in the specification. A primary winding of a transformer for power line carrier communication is connected to a power line via capacitor, and a secondary winding of the transformer is connected to a receiving circuit. (Fig. 1, 4 and 6)
B	JP-A-2001-186063	SHINKO ELECTRIC CO LTD	English Abstract	Cited in the specification. Power line carrier communication system constituted such that a parallel track comprising a pair of feeders that supplys current power from a RF generator is combined with magnetic circuit of a transformer for communication and that communication is carried out between the transformer for communication and an uninhabitated vehicle which runs along the parallel track. (Claim 1, Fig. 3) Note that the power supply frequency of this document is about 100KHz, whereas that of the present invention is 50 or 60 Hz. Therefore, the only similarity between the two is the term "power line carrier".
C	JP-A-2001-267139	FDK CORP	English Abstract	Cited in the specification. Parallel bifiler winding transformer for communication. [Fig. 2 (A) and (B)] Note that the transformer in this document is not a transformer for power line carrier communication.
D	JP-A-2001-136107	STMICROELECTRONICS SA	English Abstract	Cited in the specification. A resistance is connected between a transformer circuit and a receiving circuit of secondary winding of a line transformer that is connected to a telephone line. (Fig 3) Note that the transformer in this document is not a transformer for power carrier communication.



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